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May for the import of 2,000 tons of broken rice from that State. No other application had been received for such imports at that time. Under the instructions of the Government of India, it is not open to this Government to make any allotments of broken rice to merchants for import from other States. This Government cannot issue permits to merchants of this State to import broken rice from other States. It is for the exporting State to issue such permits. Actually the Madhya Pradesh Government refused to allow any quota to the Salem merchant. In spite of this, the paper has taken an imaginary purchase price, an imaginary selling price and arrived at an imaginary profit of Rs. 3¾ lakhs as likely to be made by the merchant. The very allotment of 2,000 tons of rice in this case is an imaginary one. Ordinarily some people have taken to sensation and scandal-mongering business to eke out their livelihood. I would have taken criminal prosecution against this paper, but I was afraid that I would thereby be assisting scandal-mongering which is the object of this paper.''

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—'' Sir, I do not know why the Hon. Minister is replying to something which is not contained in this question. I am afraid he is taking this opportunity to reply to some . . .''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' The hon. Member is making a statement. He should put it in the form of a question.''

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—'' He is not answering the question that has been put to him. But on the other hand he is taking this opportunity to enter into a controversy with some imaginary paper and some imaginary statement. Whether that is permissible or not, I would like to know, Sir.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' I have nothing to do with that.''

Retrenchment of Madras Electric Tramway workers.

* 446 *Q*.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government propose to retrench 290 Madras Electric Tramway workers?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—'' Government is not concerned but the Company, which is a private one, applied to the Industrial Tribunal for retrenchment of 294 workers and has been permitted to retrench 132.''

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—'' Is it not a fact, Sir, that the management of the Company, in order to flout the decision of the Industrial Tribunal or circumvent the possible decision of the Industrial Tribunal has actually closed down the Tramway Company and is not the Government of Madras concerned with the convenience of nearly a million people of Madras City arising as a result of the closure of the Tramway Company? ''

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the hon. Member is aware of the findings of two courts to know whether this closure was *mala fide* or not. I am not going to enter into the merits of it. So far as the suffering of a number of passengers that my friend alleges is concerned, the Government had already taken action to relieve the difficulties and congestion."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to tell us whether the Government is going to appeal against the decision of the lower Court which did not find the management of the Company guilty of a charge under a particular section of the Industrial Tribunals Act? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If the Trade Unions concerned desire that Government should file an appeal in the matter, they may assist us with a brief and Government will consider it."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI :—" May I know whether, with the retrenchment of workers, the Tramway Company will resume work? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am not aware of any such decision."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Are we to understand from the Hon. Minister's reply that the Government are not interested in having a cheap kind of conveyance for the poor workers and are not Government interested in restoring the Tramway service? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member should be aware of the conditions under which the tramways are running and the procedure that must be followed if they are made to resume service again. According to the conditions of agreement, the Government are unable to do anything in the matter."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMONY :—" Sir, I would like to know whether any definite arrangements are being made to run the trams again."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am not aware of any such proposal."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Why does not the Government take over the management of the Tramway Company for the convenience of the public of Madras? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, I hope the hon. Member will admit that it is not the duty of the Government to take over all losing concerns in the State."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Is it a fact that the Madras Government received a note from the Central Government stating that the Central Government cannot take over the company under the Industries Control Act recently passed by the Parliament and that the Madras Government itself can take over the company under the special provisions of the Industrial Tribunals Act? "

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am not aware of any such letter, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government has got any policy to give ' unemployed allowances ' to the workers if they are retrenched by the management? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I might assist the irregular kind of debate that has started by saying that in answer to what Mr. Ramamurthi asked in a previous supplementary question, the Hon. Minister for Industries said that he was not aware of the receipt of any letter as described and he is quite right. I might take the House into confidence and say that I wrote demi-officially to the Minister for Railways whether the Railway Ministry could undertake the running of this Tramway Service and he replied to me that it would not be possible for them to do so and that we might consider taking over under the provisions of the very Act under which the Tramway Company was licensed. We considered it from the point of view of public business and public finance and we thought it was a very bad business to take it up at this stage. That is the true state of affairs. But the workmen are interested in having the business reopened. I can understand the reasons for it. They must assist us by making clear to us that it would be profitable for the State to run it, not only assisting men who have lost their jobs, but also to make it good from the point of view of the public exchequer. As regards the last question, unemployment, we have no separate policies for particular trade unions; but on the whole we have a policy of helping the unemployed."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI :—" May I know whether the Government will assist the Corporation of Madras to take over and run the Tramway Service? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The point involved is finance. As I said already, whether it is the Corporation that first loses and asks Government to make up the loss or whether Government should take it up and lose, the result is the same."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" I am thankful to the Hon. Chief Minister for having stated that Government will consider taking over. But will the Government be pleased to appoint a committee of this House and also of the Trade Unions to go into the whole question of the finances of the Corporation and the undertaking concerned, so that it can be proved that it is possible to undertake the responsibility of running it profitably and efficiently? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am afraid, Sir, that it will be an abdication of our duty to appoint a committee of the House to consider the question of financial responsibility in respect of State trading."

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SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, as it is an important question concerning the transport facilities of a million people of Madras City, I request you to allow half-an-hour's time to discuss the matter."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have no objection."

Report of the Khosla Committee.

* 448 *Q.*—SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state when a copy of the Khosla Committee Report will be placed on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Printed copies of the report are placed on the table of the House."

SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMI :—" During the last budget session the Hon. Minister informed the House that further enquiries would be completed within nine months. Can the Hon. Minister now tell us whether the work can be completed within the scheduled time, viz., 1st December?" 9–50 a.m.

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The investigation is still proceeding, Sir."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" అయ్యా, investigation కొంతవరకు సాగిందనిన్నీ పోయిన నెల ఆఖరునే రిపోర్టు పంపించారనిన్నీ మాకు తెలిసింది. ఆ సంగతి నిజమైతే, ఆ రిపోర్టును సభ్యులకు అందజేయగలరా? అటు తర్వాత, కొలతలలోగూడా ఏవో తప్పులు చేస్తున్నారనిన్నీ, 25,000 క్యూసెక్కుల నీటిని సప్లై చేసే కాలవను త్రవ్వమంటే, 15,000 క్యూసెక్కుల నీటిని సప్లై చేసే కాలవను దక్షిణ వైపుగా త్రవ్వటానికి ఎస్టిమేట్లు వేసి పంపారని తెలిసింది. దాని విషయమై రిపోర్టు వచ్చిందని అన్నారు. ఆ రిపోర్టు వచ్చివుంటే, సభవారి ఎదుట పెట్టుతారా?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I have not received any report as yet, Sir."

SRI S. VEMIAH :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of supplying copies of reports in vernacular languages for the benefit of Members?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is about Khosla Report."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" There are certain recommendations in the Khosla Committee's Report and I think the Government must have considered all aspects of the problem. May I know, Sir, what is the attitude of the Madras Government at present to that particular report and what steps the Government have taken so far to get that report implemented?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I have already stated that some recommendations have been made by the Khosla Committee and they are being investigated. The investigation is not yet completed."